alertness amongst the field staff engaged in train operation.

(v) Public awareness camping prohibiting carriage of inflammable articles in compartments is also being launched.

To maintain punctuality of trains point to point monitoring as well as foot-plate Inspections are done in divisional level and Head Quarters level in regular basis.

Rampant Corruption at Railway Stations

1942. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the rampant corruption at railway stations which do not have computerised reservation system;

(b) whether Government are also aware that such a situation prevails at Sultanpur railway station in Uttar Pradesh where reservation time schedules are not adhered to and reservations are done by the clerks after receiving a bribe of Rs. 50/- to Rs. 200/- per ticket;

(c) whether the booking staff at the above station is very rude and ill natured and are not being transferred over a long period; and

(d) whether Government propose to initiate an inquiry and take strick disciplinary action against such corrupt officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No such complaint has been received against the reservation staff of Sultanpur (U.P.).

(c) Two Enquiry-cum-Reservation Clerks are posted at Sultanpur since 1992 and 1993 respectively. No complaint, either at station or at Headquarters has been received regarding their ill nature and rude-behaviour.

(d) Does not arise.

Special trains to cope with summer rush in Vijayawada

1943. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether South Central railway have not provided adquate special trains to meet the summer rush in Vijayawada division;

(b) whether it is a fact that no extra passenger trains were run in May, 1998 to meet the rush;

(c) if so, the reasons for not adquately assessing the accommodation requirements of Vijayawada division; and

(d) the steps proposed to make available more trains to meet the summer rush?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (d) This year 294 Summer Special serving Vijayawada Division were planned. But seeing the needs, the number of specials has been increased to 376. A close watch is kept on the requirements of special trains and action as found feasible and justified is taken.

दुधवा नेशनल पार्क में बिछी रेल पटरियों को हटाया जाना

1944. **श्री राज बब्बर:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दुधवा नेशनल पार्क में बिछी रेल पटरियों को हटाए जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इन रेल पटरियों को कब तक हटाया जाएगा?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम नाईक): (क) जी नहीं। मौजूदा किसी रेलवे लाइन को हटाने का प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।